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Guidelines to achieve the target of foodgrains production during rabi season

1352. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have issued guidelines to the agriculture administrators and experts to take a massive effort to achieve the target of 71 million tonnes of foodgrain production during the rabi season;

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines issued;

(c) what steps have been taken by the agricultural administrators and experts to achieve this aim;

(d) whether Government have calculated that 28.43 lakh quintals of certified and quality seeds would be required for various crops;

(e) whether any steps have been taken to meet these requirements; and

(f) if so, the extent to which these steps have improved the prospects of fulfilling the rabi targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign was organised at New Delhi on 14th and 15th October, 1985. The agriculture administrators and Experts of the States and Union Departments of Agriculture, I.C.A.R. and other concerned organisations participated in this Conference and finalised the following strategy for achieving rabi production target of 71 million tonnes of foodgrains:—

(i) Maximising the productivity in irrigated and rainfed areas.

(ii) Coverage of maximum area under high-yielding varieties.

(iii) Timely sowing, proper placement of seed and fertilizers.

(iv) Use of optimum doses of fertilisers (NPK) depending upon the variety and type of land.

(v) Rectification of micro-nutrient deficiency like, manganese, zinc and sulphur.

(vi) Efficient water management to provide irrigation at critical stages of crop growth through timely release of canal water and supply of electricity and diesal at appropriate time for appropriate duration.

(vii) Adoption of weed control measures at proper time.

(viii) Easy availability of credit to the farmers by full involvement of cooperative and commercial banks.

(c) The above strategy for achieving the rabi production target was endorsed by the agriculture administrators and experts. The representatives of the State Governments also agreed to adopt the same with necessary modifications in the light of local conditions.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Timely and adequate availability of seed, which is the basic input, in combination with other inputs will help in achieving the targetted production.

Providing of fertilizers at cheap rates to farmers

1353. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated any proposal to provide fertilizers at cheap rates to farmers in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No proposal to provide fertilisers at cheap rates to farmers has been formulated recently. However, fertilisers are already being supplied at subsidised prices.

Cartoon films

1354. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 26 cartoon films purchased by Government have been dubbed in Indian languages; and

(b) if so, by when these are likely to be shown on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to the 26 episodes of Walt Disney animated films in English purchased by Doordarshan, telecast on Sunday mornings from 24th November, 1985. The films could not be dubbed in Hindi and other Regional languages as it has not been found feasible to get the Donald Duck's Voice created in Hindi or any other regional languages to suit the the picture.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in different districts

1355. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of districts in each State where the Krishi Vigyan Kendras are proposed to be opened; and

(b) the manner in which villages are likely to be benefited by the Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) It is not possible to indicate the districts in different States where Krishi Vigyan Kendras are proposed to be opened because KVKs are established on the basis of proposals received from time to time. Some proposals for establishment of KVKs have been received by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research which will be processed and KVKs sanctioned subject to availability of funds.

(b) The Krishi Vigyan Kendra is a training institution, the purpose of which is to provide practical training in farming through the method of "learning by doing". The trainees comprise practicing farmers, farm women, rural youths, school dropouts etc. They are provided training in different aspects of agriculture including crop production, horticulture, animal husbandry, poultry, fisheries, home management, nutrition etc. After receiving such training the trainees